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UNCLAS SANTO DOMINGO 004502

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ATTENTION: WHA/EX MARY MCBRIDE
WHA/CAR KAREN JO MCISAAC

E.O 12958: N/A

TAGS: AMGT APER ASEC

SUBJECT: WHA SPRING 2005 INTERN PROGRAM

REF: A) SECSTATE 144850

ANTO DOMINGO IS INTERESTING IN PARTICIPATING IN THE WHA SPRING 2005 INTERN PROGRAM. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PER REFTEL:

1-NUMBER OF INTERNS REQUESTED: TWO INTERNS A) ECONOMIC INTERN B)
CONSULAR INTERN

2-LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: SPANISH MIN 2+ 2+

3-WHAT SECTION WILL THE INTERN WORK: A)ECOPOL , B) CONSULATE

4-WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE INTERN: A)MICHAEL MEIGS, ECOPOL
COUNSELOR (809) 731-4335, B) MARY B. MARSHALL, DEPUTY CONSUL
GENERAL (809) 731-4336

5-SPECIFIC DUTIES, PROJECTS INTERN WILL PERFORM: EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO WANTS TO HAVE A UNIVERSITY INTERN FOR THE COMBINED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECTION ANY TIME THAT ONE IS AVAILABLE IN UPCOMING SELECTIONS. THIS REQUEST INCLUDES BOTH SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2005. A)THE ECOPOL INTERN WILL COVER DUTIES NORMALLY ASSIGNED TO A SECOND TOUR OFFICER, FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF A BUSY 7 PERSON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECTION IN A COUNTRY FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES, SUBJECT TO ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND INSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESSES. PRODUCING WRITTEN MATERIAL, INCLUDING SUMMARIES OF CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TOPICS, MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION, BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL, BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR THE AMBASSADOR, AND IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, DRAFTS FOR TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

PARTICIPATION IN DEMARCHE TO DOMINICAN OFFICIALS IN VISITS OF USG OFFICIALS AND IN REPRESENTATIONAL EVENT. DAILY REVIEW OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER, IDENTIFIACIATION OF TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE USG. INVOLVEMENT PRODUCING MATERIAL FOR THE EMBASSY'S CLASSIFIED WEBSITE SERVING THE USG. AS WARRANTED, TRAVEL OUTSIDE SANTO DOMINGO FOR ORIENTATION AND INVESTIGATION. A MEMORANDUM OF PERFORMANCE IS PREPARED AT THE END OF THE ASSIGNMENT.

B) THE CONSULATE INTERN WOULD BE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY THE DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL OR BY A UNIT CHIEF. WHILE THEY WOULD NOT BE DOING LINE CONSULAR WORK, THEY WOULD BE GIVEN RESEARCH PROJECTS COMMENSURATE WITH A FIRST - OR - SECOND- TOUR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, WHICH INCLUDES PRODUCING MEMORANDA AND DRAFTING CABLES OR REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT; ATTENDING MEETINGS WITH DOMINICAN OFFICIALS AND OTHER CONSULAR CONTACTS; REVIEWING LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA FOR TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE CONSULAR SECTION; AND AS ARRANGED, TRAVEL OUTSIDE SANTO DOMINGO FOR MEETINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS. A MEMORANDUM OF PERFORMANCE WILL BE PREPARED AT THE END OF THE ASSIGNMENT.

6- HOUSING: EMBASSY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT USG HOUSING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AN INTERN. ONCE POSSIBLE DATES ARE KNOWN WE CAN SEEK TO IDENTIFY HOUSING THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN TENANTS OR HOUSE-SITTING OPPORTUNITIES; IF NECESSARY, WE CAN SEEK TO PUT AN INCOMING INTERN IN CONTACT WITH POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL OF A SIMPLE FURNISHED ROOM OR APARTMENT.

7- VISA REQUIREMENTS: THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REQUIRES A VISA TO ENTER THE COUNTRY AND IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN VISAS BEFORE ARRIVAL. IF FOR SOME REASON YOU ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN A VISA PRIOR TO TRAVEL, A TOURIST VISA CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE AIRPORT IN SANTO DOMINGO. THE COST IS USD 20.

8-INNOCULATIONS REQUIRED: NONE (RECOMMENDED HEPATITS A AND B)

9-DEPOSITS REQUIRED:POST ENCOURAGES A DEPOSIT OF US\$300 FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

10-SECURITY CLEARANCES: SECRET
MARSHALL